recognised the old supremacy of the Greeks, while his brother brought in an army of 6000 men tinder Abdallah, son of the Zirid Sultan of Tunis. The final result was that Abdallah dispossessed both Ahmed and Abu-Hafs and reigned in person in Palermo,

Maniaces, charged to reinstate the ally of Byzantium, mustered his forces in Apulia (1038); among the chosen troops were the Grand Drou- jina or Guard of Russo-Scandinavian Varangers, The latter were commanded by the famous viking Harold Hardrada, now a man of twenty- three, a wanderer since his brother King Olaf fell by his side at Stildestad, and at present after many adventures earning the gold of the Greeks, Maniaces had also hired three hundred Normans from the Prince of Salerno; they were commanded by one Arduin; William and Drogo of Hauteville were prominent among his followers. The Norse- men and Russian vikings of the Varanger guard and the Normans of France thus met in a strange companionship; drawn from one common stock$_t$ a single century had parted them far from one another; in their methods of war, in their stature, speech, and temperament, the Norman horsemen showed little signs of kinship with the tall, fair,

axe-wielding Varangers,

Two great battles marked Maniaces[1] campaign*
Abdallah was twice overthrown, once at Rametta,
once at Troina, his great hosts scattered by charges
of the Greek troops in which William Tancredson
gained his name of "Iron Arm" for Ms courage